

NORA GARCIA
Councilmember, District Number Three

OFFICE
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL
City Hall, Pomona, California 91769



December 2, 2021

Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission
(Sent via CRC Comment Portal)

Subject: Support of Redistricting Draft Map "D" and Continued Inclusion of the City of Pomona within County Supervisorial District 1

Dear Honorable Redistricting Commissioners

At their Meeting on November 15, 2021, the Pomona City Council had a discussion regarding the draft maps under consideration by the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) and potential impacts on the City of Pomona and San Gabriel Valley as communities of interest. Central to this discussion, were concerns that Pomona's representation would be greatly marginalized, and the influence of one of the County's most heavily Latino cities diluted, if the City is removed from Supervisorial District 1 and our traditional association with other similar communities in the San Gabriel Valley.

Pomona is on the easternmost edge of Los Angeles County – However, we have reviewed draft map submittals considered by the CRC that attempt to tenuously tie Pomona with cities as far west as Redondo Beach. We are deeply concerned that Draft Maps advancing for CRC consideration, such as Draft Map "A" currently include options to place Pomona in Supervisorial District 4, which stretches as far west as Torrance. The Map "A" draft lines "connecting" portions of District 3 and District 4, serve as a graphic definition of gerrymandering. This Map should be removed from further CRC consideration in the interest of maintaining the integrity of the redistricting process.

Pomona has, and always will be, a key City in the San Gabriel Valley Region. Draft Map "D" is the only map currently advancing for continued CRC discussion that maintains Pomona's position in District 1. It is for this reason, that I hereby voice my support for Draft Map "D" as the best current option for the City of Pomona and our residents and formally request that the CRC make every effort possible to preserve Pomona's position in Supervisorial District 1 and our alignment with other San Gabriel Valley cities.

Respectfully,

Nora Garcia
District Three